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EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

2 October 1975

RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL TO THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

1. On 12 September 1975, the President directed "all departments and agencies of the Executive Branch respectfully to decline to provide the House Select Committee with classified material, including testimony and interviews which would disclose such materials until the Committee satisfactorily alters its position." In light of action taken by the House Select Committee on 1 October 1975, the President has withdrawn this directive and has authorized departments and agencies to once again provide the House Select Committee with classified materials.

2. The vehicle for reaching the agreement with the House Select Committee was Director Colby's letter to Chairman Pike of 30 September 1975, a copy of which is attached.

3. The letter contains the following conditions: (1) the classified materials forwarded to the Committee are on loan to it; (2) that there will be no public disclosure of this classified material (nor of testimony, depositions or interviews concerning it) without a reasonable opportunity for us to consult with respect to it; (3) in the event of a disagreement, the matter will be referred to the President, and if the President then certifies in writing that the disclosure of the material would be detrimental to the national security of the United States, the matter will not be disclosed by the Committee; and, (4) the Committee reserves its right to submit the matter to judicial determination. In forwarding requested classified material to the House Select Committee, we will continue to make deletions of sources and methods.

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4. Accordingly, Employee Bulletin [] which suspended provision of classified materials to the House Select Committee, is rescinded.

Attachment

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